

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 8 and ending at line 20, with the following amended paragraph.

If the determination **134** is made that the actual caller ID service is subscribed for (or if the service is universally available) the identity database is accessed **138** using biometric information. For example, where the number of possible identities is relatively small, or where available processor power or computation speed permit it, identity database access may include simply comparing the received **130** biometric information with each biometric information record stored ~~it~~in the identity database. For instance, correlation techniques are used to find matching data. Alternatively, the biometric data is parameterized before being used to access the identity database. Parameterization may be orchestrated by the network element, or may be performed by the user equipment of the calling party before the biometric information is transmitted **122** to the network element. However, it is anticipated that due to economies of scale and engineering considerations, it is more practical for the network element to orchestrate the parameterization of the biometric information.